



# The Old Ironsides Report

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## Operation 'Striker Hurricane' nets enemy, information



**Keeping lines of communication open, Spc. Kelly B. Leonard, an intelligence analyst with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, keeps up with updates of what is happening during Striker Hurricane May 1. (Photo courtesy 2nd BCT intelligence section)**

### **Sgt. M. Trent Lowry, USMC, 1AD PAO**

BAGHDAD -- When 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division gets hit by the opposition, they don't just take the punch, they hit back strong where it will really hurt their opponent.

That was the message the Iron Brigade wanted to send when it initiated Striker Hurricane May 1.

Instead of flaunting its superior firepower, the brigade chose to design the operation to round up insurgents and other anti-coalition parties, based on intelligence provided by the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force and using help from its sister brigade, 1st Brigade Combat Team, according to Staff Sgt. Matthew B. Rice, intelligence analyst with 2nd BCT.

Striker Hurricane was the response to the deaths -- by a vehicle borne improvised explosive device attack April 29 -- of eight soldiers from 4th Battalion, 27th Field Artillery, one of 2nd BCT's units.

"Operation Striker Hurricane was in response to that attack, which was a catastrophic loss for the brigade. We wanted to let the enemy know we're not going to flinch," said Rice, a native of Lancaster, Calif. "We targeted anyone we had enough (intelligence) for and decided we're going to collect them right now, to show the insurgents that the Coalition is here and we're not going away."

"I think it was a big eye-opener for the enemy," Rice added.

Striker Hurricane opened many peoples' eyes as it encompassed the 2nd BCT area of operations and netted eight of the targeted insurgents. Additionally, 61 enemy prisoners of war, who weren't on the list but were identified during the operation, were also captured.

"Aside from hitting our known targets, we also did a

cordon and search operation that rooted out 61 (enemy prisoners of war) -- people with tons of intelligence potential for us," Rice said. "As far as intelligence sources are concerned, the operation was a great success."

Though the operation may have been initiated as a response to a tragedy, careful planning helped it reach another of the brigade's mission objectives: building up contacts within the community. The last 12 months of operations in Iraq for the brigade have been concerned with happenings in Baghdad. The unit has a new area of operations and is restarting its efforts at interaction with the community.

"We're building up our human intelligence base," said Spc. Kelly B. Leonard, intelligence analyst with 2nd BCT. "It was really our first chance to establish a presence in the area and make connections with the local populace."

Establishing those connections and establishing trust with the people is essential to digging up useful information, according to the analysts.

"The intel is really coming from the Iraqi people," Rice said. "Down at the ground level, the Iraqis are really contributing to the success of what we do. When we can get a local to say 'My neighbor has mortar rounds stashed in his backyard,' then a lot of good points come out that help us build a picture of the enemy."

When one element of the operation -- the cordon and search -- is done properly, it is the first step to building good relations with the residents. The ground elements of the operation, including Soldiers from 1st BCT, 4-27 FA, and 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry, applied sound search practices to try to minimize the inconvenience to the citizens of the community.

Information operations cells even sent out flyers to prepare the populace telling the residents that the 2nd BCT's operation was necessary to ensure the safety of the neighborhoods, according to Rice.

"When we were going into the areas, the local populace would stop their farming and were waving at us," said Leonard. "That's a good sign."

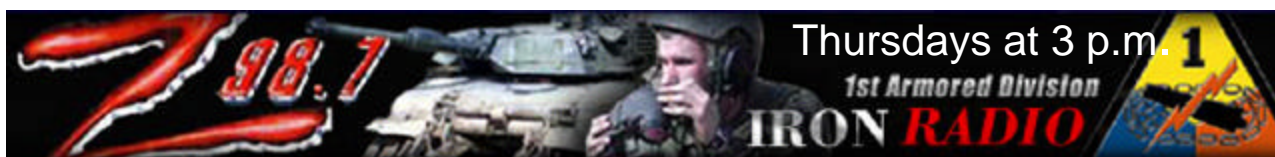
One of 2nd BCT's overall mission goals is to maintain lines of communication -- such as roadways, railways and communications networks -- keeping up the flow of information about Mujahadeen, anti-Coalition and foreign fighter activities is always relevant to preventing attacks and punishing those responsible for the attacks that do occur.

"Based on interrogations of the EPWs, we're getting new intel," Leonard said. "We have more up-to-date information based on what we know now."

This intelligence-gathering coup brought about by Striker Hurricane should not be the last of the information-gathering successes of the brigade. The 2nd BCT intelligence section is maneuvering as a well-oiled machine thanks to the experience it has gained over the past year.

"When Najaf was attacked we went; when Al Kut was attacked we went," Leonard said. "We've got some of the strongest people on this team that I've worked with."

"I believe 2nd Brigade can go into any part of Iraq and be successful," Rice said. "The brigade staff is dynamic. We can defeat our enemies and help support the rebuilding efforts in Iraq."



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## **NEWS...**

### **Sivits Sentenced for Role in Iraq Abuse**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Spc. Jeremy C. Sivits received the maximum penalty Wednesday - one year in prison, reduction in rank and a bad conduct discharge - in the first court-martial stemming from mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison. Sivits, who pleaded guilty to four abuse charges, broke down in tears as he expressed remorse for taking pictures of naked Iraqi prisoners being humiliated.

### **Official: Abuse Troops May Face Charges**

WASHINGTON (AP) - American military personnel previously disciplined for their role in the abuse of prisoners may yet face criminal charges, the top commander in Iraq told Congress on Wednesday. The troops at Abu Ghraib prison and their entire chain of command will be investigated as part of the probe into abuse of Iraqis at the facility outside Baghdad, added Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez. "And that includes me."

### **U.S. Reportedly Kills 40 Iraqis at Party**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A U.S. helicopter fired on a wedding party early Wednesday in western Iraq, killing more than 40 people, Iraqi officials said. The U.S. military said it could not confirm the report and was investigating. Lt. Col Ziyad al-Jbouri, deputy police chief of the city of Ramadi, said between 42 and 45 people died in the attack, which took place about 2:45 a.m. in a remote desert area near the border with Syria and Jordan. He said those killed included 15 children and 10 women.

### **Giuliani: N.Y. Never Warned About Attack**

NEW YORK (AP) - New York officials probably would not have changed security priorities even if they had knowledge of an August 2001 White House briefing paper that warned of terrorists casing city buildings, former mayor Rudolph Giuliani told the Sept. 11 commission Wednesday. Giuliani's testimony was interrupted with angry outbursts by victims' families, including chants of "One-sided!" and "Put us on the panel!" One man, a longtime Giuliani adversary, was tossed out of the hearing after shouting at the panel to "ask some real questions!"

### **Economist Named India's Prime Minister**

NEW DELHI (AP) - Manmohan Singh, the architect of India's economic reforms and a respected consensus builder, was named prime minister Wednesday, ending weeks of political turmoil that culminated with Sonia Gandhi's refusal to take the post. Singh and Congress party leader Gandhi met Wednesday night with President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who approved Singh's bid to form a minority government.

## **Law and order...**

### **Jail Imposes Dress Code for Visitors**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) -- Guards at the St. Joseph County Jail are doing double duty as fashion police, enforcing new regulations that prohibit visitors from wearing scanty attire.

The new rules are on a sign posted at the jail entrance, the South Bend Tribune reported Tuesday. See-through tops, mini skirts and short shorts are out, and underwear is required to remain invisible. Hats also are banned, since they can be used to smuggle items into the jail or may be a gang emblem.

"A lot of people have gotten away with inappropriate clothing in the past. Hopefully this will prevent it," said Keith Rininger, director of inmate services at the jail.

Warm weather brings out more bare skin, but sometimes visitors bare even more, officials say.

"We've had women flash the men they come in to see," Rininger said.

In the confines of a jail, such behavior can cause problems, he said.

"I don't know how to put it delicately, but when men are locked up for a long time and they see their girlfriend, or their wife, or someone else's girlfriend, it can cause tension. That's not a good thing in this kind of environment," he said.

### **CBS Adding Five Series With Familiar Stars**

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS is offering Rob Lowe as a doctor, Jason Alexander as a sportswriter and John Goodman as a family patriarch in new series that will debut this fall. The network will also set up a battle of the franchises, pitting its spinoff series "CSI: NY" against NBC's "Law & Order" Wednesday nights at 10 p.m.

## **Thought for the day...**

### **A Father's Prayer**

The following is a prayer written by the Father of our Nation, George Washington:

"And now, Almighty Father, if it is Thy holy will that we shall obtain a place and name among the nations of the earth, grant that we may be enabled to show our gratitude for Thy goodness by our endeavors to fear and obey Thee. Bless us with thy wisdom in our counsels, success in battle, and let our victories be tempered with humanity. Endow, also, our enemies with enlightened minds, that they become sensible of their injustice, and willing to restore our liberty and peace. Grant the petition of Thy servant, for the sake of whom Thou hast called Thy beloved Son; nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done. Amen."

## *Today in history...*

### **May 20, 1506: CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS DIES**

HISTORYCHANNEL.COM -- On May 20, 1506, the great Italian explorer Christopher Columbus dies in Valladolid, Spain. Columbus was the first European to explore the Americas since the Vikings set up colonies in Greenland and Newfoundland in the 10th century. He explored the West Indies, South America and Central America, but died a disappointed man, feeling he had been mistreated by his patron, King Ferdinand of Spain.

Columbus was born in Genoa, Italy, in 1451. Little is known of his early life, but he worked as a seaman and then a sailing entrepreneur. He became obsessed with the possibility of pioneering a western sea route to Cathay (China), India, and the fabled gold and spice islands of Asia. At the time, Europeans knew no direct sea route to southern Asia, and the route via Egypt and the Red Sea was closed to Europeans by the Ottoman Empire, as were many land routes. Contrary to popular legend, educated Europeans of Columbus' day did believe that the world was round, as argued by St. Isidore in the seventh century. However, Columbus, and most others, underestimated the world's size, calculating that East Asia must lie approximately where North America sits on the globe (they did not yet know that the Pacific Ocean existed).

With only the Atlantic Ocean, he thought, lying between Europe and the riches of the East Indies, Columbus met with King John II of Portugal and tried to persuade him to back his "Enterprise of the Indies," as he called his plan. He was rebuffed and went to Spain, where he was also rejected at least twice by King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. However, after the Spanish conquest of the Moorish kingdom of Granada in January 1492, the Spanish monarchs, flush with victory, agreed to support his voyage.

On August 3, 1492, Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three small ships, the *Santa Mar­ya*, the *Pinta*, and the *Ni­ya*. On October 12, the expedition sighted land, probably Watling Island in the Bahamas, and went ashore the same day, claiming it for Spain. Later that month, Columbus sighted Cuba, which he thought was mainland China, and in December the expedition landed on Hispaniola, which Columbus thought might be Japan. He established a small colony there with 39 of his men. The explorer returned to Spain with gold, spices, and "Indian" captives in March 1493, and was received with the highest honors by the Spanish court. He was given the title "admiral of the ocean sea," and a second expedition was promptly organized.

Fitted out with a large fleet of 17 ships, with 1,500 colonists aboard, Columbus set out from C­ydiz in September 1493 on his second voyage to the New World. Landfall was made in the Lesser Antilles in November. Returning to Hispaniola, he found the men he left there slaughtered by the natives, and he founded a second colony. Sailing on, he explored Puerto Rico, Jamaica, and numerous smaller islands in the Caribbean. Columbus returned to Spain in June 1496 and was greeted less warmly, as the yield from the second voyage had fallen well short of its costs.

Isabella and Ferdinand, still greedy for the riches of the East, agreed to a smaller third voyage and instructed Columbus to find a strait to India. In May 1498, Columbus left Spain with six ships, three filled with colonists and three with provisions for the colony on Hispaniola. This time, he made landfall on Trinidad. He entered the Gulf of Paria in Venezuela and planted the Spanish flag on South America. By the scope of the Orinoco River in Venezuela, he realized he had stumbled upon another continent, which Columbus, a deeply religious man, decided after careful thought was the outer regions of the Garden of Eden.

Returning to Hispaniola, he found that conditions on the island had deteriorated under the rule of his brothers, Diego and Bartholomew. Columbus' efforts to restore order were marked by brutality, and his rule came to be deeply resented by both the colonists and the native Taino chiefs. In 1500, Spanish chief justice Francisco de Bobadilla arrived at Hispaniola, sent by Isabella and Ferdinand to investigate complaints, and Columbus and his brother were sent back to Spain in chains.

He was immediately released upon his return, and Ferdinand and Isabella agreed to finance a fourth voyage in which he was to search for the earthly paradise and the realms of gold said to lie nearby. He was also to continue looking for a passage to India. In May 1502, Columbus left C­ydiz on his fourth and final voyage to the New World. After returning to Hispaniola against his patron's wishes, he explored the coast of Central America looking for a strait and for gold. Attempting to return to Hispaniola, his ships, in poor condition, had to be beached on Jamaica. Columbus and his men were marooned, but two of his captains succeed in canoeing the 450 miles to Hispaniola. Columbus was a castaway on Jamaica for a year before a rescue ship arrived.

In November 1504, Columbus returned to Spain. Queen Isabella, his chief patron, died less than three weeks later. Although Columbus enjoyed a substantial revenue from Hispaniola gold during the last years of his life, he repeatedly attempted (unsuccessfully) to gain an audience with King Ferdinand, whom he felt owed him further redress. Columbus died on May 20, 1506, without realizing the great scope of his achievement: He had discovered for Europe the New World, whose riches over the next century would help make Spain the wealthiest and most powerful nation on earth.

## **OLD IRONSIDES PRESENTS...**



**HANGAR #1, 4<sup>TH</sup> BDE, EAST BIAP**

**FRIDAY, 21 MAY 2004**

**1AD ROCK BAND 1800-1900  
COMEDY SHOW 1900 - 2030**

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As of: Wednesday, May 19, 2004 5:31:42 AM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	WEAPONS AT WAR: - LIFELINE FROM THE SKY	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST		0:00
0:30	NBA INSIDE STUFF	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	AFNEWS ON ASSIGNMENT	0:30
1:00	AROUND THE HORN		THE CABLE GUY	TODAY	LESTER HOLT LIVE	1:00
1:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				1:30
2:00	SPORTSCENTER				HEADLINE NEWS	2:00
2:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	2:30
3:00		4 QTRS	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - PAL JOEY	SESAME STREET	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	3:00
3:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - THE CHAPERONE/ EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH		CBS EVENING NEWS	3:30
4:00		NBA TIP-OFF	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - KRUSTY GETS KANCELLED	PLAY WITH ME SESAME	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	4:00
4:30		NBA - PLAYOFFS - 2ND ROUND GM 7: SACRAMENTO KINGS @ MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - THE PROM	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		4:30
5:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - CONF. FINALS GM 6: SAN JOSE SHARKS @ CALGARY FLAMES		DHARMA & GREG (TV14): - DO THE HUSTLE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	5:00
5:30			MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - LET THEM EAT PIE			5:30
6:00			WEST WING, THE (TVPG): - DEBATE CAMP	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	THE NEWSHOUR	6:00
7:00		HEADLINE NEWS	HORATIO'S DRIVE (TVPG):	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	7:00
7:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):	NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	7:30
8:00		HEADLINE NEWS	HORATIO'S DRIVE (TVPG):	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	LARRY KING LIVE	8:00
8:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		8:25
8:30		HEADLINE NEWS				8:30
9:00	NBA FASTBREAK	SESAME STREET	MASTERPIECE THEATER (TVPG): - WHITE TEETH (PT. 2)		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	9:00
9:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		9:13
9:30	NHL 2NIGHT					9:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	PLAY WITH ME SESAME		DISNEY'S HERCULES (TVY): - THE COMPLEX ELECTRA	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		HEY ARNOLD! (TVY): - PHOEBE TAKES THE FALL/ THE PIG WAR		10:30
11:00	NBA - PLAYOFFS - 2ND ROUND GM 6: SACRAMENTO KINGS @ MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - PAL JOEY	YU-GI-OH! (TVY): - WINNING THROUGH INTIMIDATION	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - THE CHAPERONE/ EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH	JACKIE CHAN ADVENTURES (TVY7): - ARMOR OF THE GODS	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - KRUSTY GETS KANCELLED	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - THE PROM	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):	ESPNEWS	60 MINUTES II	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:30	ESPNEWS			PACIFIC REPORT		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	WEST WING, THE (TVPG): - DEBATE CAMP	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND (TVPG): - THANK YOU NOTES	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	14:00
14:25				SCRUBS (TV14): - MY FIFTEEN SECONDS		14:25
14:30		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):				14:30
14:50				REEL TIME		14:50
15:00	MLB - NY YANKEES @ ANAHEIM ANGELS	TODAY	HORATIO'S DRIVE (TVPG):	THE BACHELOR (TV14):	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			HORATIO'S DRIVE (TVPG):			16:00
17:00	NHL - PLAYOFFS - CONF. FINALS GM 6: SAN JOSE SHARKS @ CALGARY FLAMES	DISNEY'S HERCULES (TVY): - THE COMPLEX ELECTRA	MASTERPIECE THEATER (TVPG): - WHITE TEETH (PT. 2)	PACIFIC REPORT	HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		HEY ARNOLD! (TVY): - PHOEBE TAKES THE FALL/ THE PIG WAR		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		YU-GI-OH! (TVY): - WINNING THROUGH INTIMIDATION			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		JACKIE CHAN ADVENTURES (TVY7): - ARMOR OF THE GODS		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	THE WILD THORNBERRYS (TVY): - PAL JOEY			19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TVY): - THE CHAPERONE/ EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		19:30
20:00	ESPNEWS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - KRUSTY GETS KANCELLED	PRETTY IN PINK	FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:19	BASEBALL TONIGHT					20:19
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - THE PROM			20:30
21:00	MLB - ST. LOUIS CARDINALS @ NY METS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND (TVPG): - THANK YOU NOTES	AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):		60 MINUTES II	21:00
21:25		SCRUBS (TV14): - MY FIFTEEN SECONDS				21:25
21:45				FREQUENCY		21:45
21:50		REEL TIME				21:50
22:00		THE BACHELOR (TV14):	WEST WING, THE (TVPG): - DEBATE CAMP		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00			HORATIO'S DRIVE (TVPG):		HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30					INSIDE POLITICS	23:30